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FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 14TH.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder WILLILM HALE, from Eph., 4th ch., 4th v.:—"There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling."

The delegates from the different churches convened at the house, Elder M. BALL, Moderator; J. E. TEAGUE, Clerk.

Read letters from the churches, and enrolled the names of delegates.

Petitionary letters being called for, communications were received from Spring Creek, Vernon, Oak Hill, Camp Creek, and Bethel, requesting to be admitted as members of this body. Their petitions were granted, and the hand of fellowship extended to their delegates.

The association then proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of M. BALL, for Moderator, and J. E. TEAGUE, Clerk.

Appointed S. R. Spight assistant clerk.

Appointed a committee to arrange the business to come before this body, consisting of brothers W. Hale, J. Boatner, A. H. Boothe, C. C. Malone and E. Browning, to whom was added the moderator, clerk and assistant clerk.

The following other committees were then appointed:

To Arrange Preaching.—Jas. Hodges, J. B. Gambrel, N. L. Ward, together with the deacons of this church.

On Finance.—L. Ball, L. Roden and S. Pharr.

On Documents.—R. I. Boone, J. Swaine and T. J. Hodges.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock—prayer by A. H. Boothe.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 15,

The Association met according to adjournment—prayer by elder J. S. Morton.

The report of the committee of arrangements was read and adopted, and the committee discharged.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Read the rules of decorum.

On motion, the regular business of the Association was suspended, for the purpose of calling for letters:--none presented.

Called for correspondence, when a letter was received from Big Hatchie Association, but no messenger or minutes.

A letter was received from Cold Water Association, but no messenger. Brother E. Rogers being present, was, by motion, received as messenger from said association.

On motion, the regular business was suspended, for the purpose of calling for letters, when one was received from Mount Zion.

From the Aberdeen Association a letter and minutes were received by the hands of W. H. Holcomb, and the hand of fellowship extended.

From Bear Creek, a letter by the hand of W. Phillips was received and read, and the hand of fellowship extended.

From the Baptist State Convention, a package of minutes was received by the hands of brethren S. S. Latimer, Wm. Farrar and W. H. Holcombe, and the hand of fellowship extended.

Appointed correspondence to sister associations:

Bear Creek.—A. McCain, J. Pharr, W. B. Fellder and W. Hale, commencing on Friday before the first Sabath in September, 1850, with Masadona Church, Ala.—brother McCain to write.

Panola.—T. R. Williams, A. Godwin and Henry Ivy, commencing on Saturday before the first Sabath in October, 1849.

Big Hatchie.—J. S. Morton, M. Ball, C. G. Blunt, C. C. Malone and S. R. Spight, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sabath in July, 1850, with Chapel Hill Church, Tipton county, Tennessee.—Brother Spight to write.

Cold Water.—B. F. Hollowell, E. Browning and M. Ball, commencing on Friday before the third Sabath in October, 1849.

North River.—A letter was sent by the hand of brother W. Philips, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabath in September, 1849.

Aberdeen.—J. M. Johnson, J. A. Hodges, S. R. Spight, C. C. Malone, J. E Teague, E. Smyth, L. Ball, A. McCain and P. Roberts.—Brother Hodges to write.

On motion, the business of appointing correspondents to the Baptist State Convention was dispensed with, until certain requests of churches should be taken up.

Called for correspondence, when a letter was received from North River Association, by the hands of D. W. Andrews, and the hand of fellowship extended.

On motion, the same executive board was continued. viz: J. H. Berry, W. J. Riddle, E. Smyth, J. Boatner and G. V. Gambrel.

EVENING SESSION.

The regular business of the Association was, by motion, suspended for the purpose of reading a letter from Town Creek Church.

Appointed elder J. S. Morton to preach the next introductory sermon —A. McCain, alternate.

Appointed M. Ball to write the next circular letter.

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Called for and read reports from the District meetings, and ordered them to be spread upon the minutes. (*Appendix A*)

On motion, the Executive Board, Financial Committee, and Treasurer, were exonerated from making their reports until Monday morning.

The committee on Documents reported that they found nothing submitted to them that requires any action of this body.

Adjournment until Monday morning, 9 o'clock—prayer by A. H. Boothe.

On Sabbath, the stand was occupied by B. Kumbrough, S. S. Latimer and W. H. Holcombe, in the order of their names, who were listened to by a large and attentive congregation, the fruits of whose labors, although plainly and powerfully felt, can only be realized fully in eternity.

A public collection was then taken up, amounting to $38 05.

MONDAY MORNING, Sept. 17TH.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by B. Kimbrough.

Information was given that brother Jackson was present as a correspondent from Aberdeen Association who was received, and the hand of fellowship extended.

Upon the assertion of brother S. S. Latimer, that the Columbus Association appointed brethren Farrar, Holcombe and himself as correspondents, and that a letter of correspondence had been written to this Association, which from some unknown cause had not reached us—on motion, the aforesaid brethren were received, and the hand of fellowship extended.

The circular letter, written by brother A. H. Boothe, was read and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. (*Appendix B.*)

On motion, the regular business was suspended, for the purpose of calling for reports.

The report of the Executive Board was read, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. (*Appendix C.*)

The Treasurer's report was received, read and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. (*Appendix E.*

The Financial Committee's report was received, read and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. (*Appendix F.*)

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the following be added to the tenth article of our constitution, viz.:

"Or if our Church should be aggrieved with another, she shall labor with the offending church upon the principles laid down in the 18th of Mathew, for individual members. After the first steps shall have been taken in the spirit of the gospel if she fail to obtain satisfaction, she shall call upon one or two sister Churches for aid, if a reconciliation be not then made, the association may take up the difficulty, but not otherwise. (*Appendix D.*)

Resolved, That this association highly approve of the bold, independent course of our highly esteemed brother Graves, (editor of the Tennessee Baptist,) as an able defender of the faith; and we would most cor-

dially recommend the "Tennessee Baptist," as one of the best Baptist papers in the south, and every way worthy of the patronage of our churches and friends generally

Resolved, That brother M. Ball be requested to write the next circular letter, upon the obligation of our churches to support their pastors.

Resolved, That the times and places of holding the associations with which we correspond, be inserted in the minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association be tendered to the Executive Board, for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duty for the last two years.

Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Resolved, That brother S. S. Latimer be requested to furnish the Executive Board with a copy of his sermon delivered at this place on Sabbath last, and that said Board be required to have 500 copies of the same printed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the members of Mount Sion Church, and the community in general for the kindness and hospitality shown to us during the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to brother M. Ball, for the able, courteous, and very satisfactory manner in which he has presided over this body during its present session

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of these minutes, and that he have as many copies printed as the money in his hands will procure, reserving ten dollars for his services.

Resolved, That a tabular statement of the amount paid by each church to brother M. Ball for Domestic Missions be inserted in the minutes.

Resolved, That this body become a constituent member of the Baptist State Convention.

Appointed J. S. Morton, L. Roden, M. Ball, A. H. Boothe and P. Roberts, to represent us in said Convention at its next annual session.

A petition was received and read from sundry persons in regard to the exclusion of a member of Antioch church. On motion, the Association deferred taking any action upon said petition.

On motion, the Moderator and Clerk, were requested to examine and sign corresponding letters.

On motion, brother S. R. Spight was appointed Distributing Agent for the 2nd District, and A. H. Boothe for the 3d.

Resolved, That our Treasurer be requested to attend the meetings of the Executive board.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Amaziah Church, Tippah county, Mississippi, commencing on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1850.

J. E. TEAGUE, Clerk. M. BALL, *Moderator*.

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APPENDIX A.

The Union Meeting, for the First District of this Association was held at Cypress Creek Church, August, 1849, at which the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That elder Wm. Hale preach the next introductory sermon; elder J. Boswell, alternate.

Resolved, That elder Wm. Hall preach a sermon appropriate to ministers and deacons; M. Ball, alternate.

Appointed the next Union Meeting, for this District, at Cherry Creek Church, commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in August, 1850.

Appointed brethren W. Hale to write on the Call to the Ministry; M. Ball, on the Unrighteous Mammon; L. Ball, on Faith; J. E. Teague, on the Talents; Reuben Hall, upon the Observance of the Sabbath; J. Boatner, upon the Duty of Masters and Servants; and N. L. Ward on Deaconship.

The Union Meeting for the Second District, convened with Antioc Church, on Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1849; at which the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That elder A. McCain preach the next introductory sermon, and Wm. Rogers his alternate.

Resolved, That the next meeting of this body be with Union Church, Tippah county, commencing on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1850.

Appointed A. McCain, to write on close communion; J. H Berry, on Church Discipline; and W. J. Riddle on the Force of Tradition.

The Union Meeting for the 3d District of this Association met with the Friendship Church on Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1849, at which the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the next Union Meeting of this District be held at Farmington Church, Tishomingo county, commencing on Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1850.

Appointed elder P. H. Roberts to preach the introductory sermon; P. H. Roberts, also, to write on the Atonement: A. H. Booth, on communion; B. M. Jones, on the Importance of Keeping the Sabbath; P. F. Boone, on the duties of Deacons; S. Pharr on the utility of Sabbath Schools; L. Flake, on a Call to the Ministry; W. M. Nichols, on the duty of a Church to her Pastor.

APPENDIX. B.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Churches composing the Chickasaw Baptist Association, sendeth Christian Salutations:

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD.—After hearing from you by letter and messengers, we are bound to thank God, that christian love and fellowship abound. We will reciprocate your labors of love by a discussion of the Union of Christ and his Church.

The term union, signifies the harmony of two or more parties. The childred of men, before they are regenerated by God's grace, are de-

praved; they are, says the apostle, "haters of God, hateful and hating one another without hope and without God in the world."

They have in all ages, and all nations, and under all circumstances, done what they could to prevent union with God; they have blasphemed his most holy name with impunity; they have hated him without cause; they have crucified his only begotten son, tried to keep his dead body in the tomb, and, though he rose for their justification, and spread the glorious news throughout the earth, still they have despised his message of grace, in common with others, and declared they will not have the man "Christ Jesus to reign over them." These awful facts most clearly prove that there is no union between such characters as these, and Jesus christ. The New Testament propounds the question—"what concord hath Christ with Belial." We answer none. A beautiful writer says, "we have heard a strange voice on this subject, declaring, in the strongest terms, that the union of Christ and his church is eternal, as God is eternal." Now if this be true, then the life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ did not effect it; for it existed before, and independent of it. If eternal union be true, God cannot be the author of it. For nothing that God created, can be eternal in this sense of the word. The Bible declares, "he is before all things; therefore, the work of God, in order of time, is after him. God has not created himself; and if the union of Christ and his church is eternal, as God is eternal, then it is not God's work. We have heard the following text quoted to prove eternal union: "The glory which thou gavest me, I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one;" to which we reply, if they were eternally untited to Christ, they were eternally one with him; and it does not remain for God to make them one; and the circumstances of their being made one, abundantly proves that they were not eternally one.

But now, dear brethren, let us remember that the mistaken notions of men disannul the Bible; there is a union between the lord and his church—a glorious and vital union, that cannot be dissolved by all the belligerent powers of the universe; and God is the author of it; and we believe it is the greatest work of God, as sayeth the poet—

"God, in the person of his son,
Hath all his mighty works outdone,"

Hence, we satisfactorily conclude, that there is nothing eternal but God himself, and all the holy emanations of his almighty mind. his love, his knowledge and his purposes, are not only eternal, but immutable. Even the purposes of reasonable men would be immutable, if they possessed wisdom and power sufficient. For whoever changes his own intentions, does so only for two reasons, to wit: finding by experience they are wrong, or failing in the means to carry them out.

Now we believe no person will attribute these failings to Omnipotence; therefore the immutability of God's purposes, is that which all reasonable men approve. We can conceive or think of a time, when the almighty, that filleth immensity, dwelt alone, glorious in holiness, before the anthems of adoring angels broke silence in eternity.

Though the purposes of God's love are eternal, yet man has no union with him, while he is at enmity against him.

Wherefore, God provides the means necessary to this gracious object, as sayeth the Bible, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world un-

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to himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." Thereby the shedding of blood, not of slain beasts, on the Jewish Altar, but by the precious blood of Christ, as it is written, "without the shedding of blood, is no remission." Thus Christ becomes the ladder, by which the child of earth may return to heaven. Hence, in order to regain his lost union with God—so that every mourning, repenting sinner discovers the great necessity of Union with Christ, and he is taught by the scriptures and Holy Ghost, that he has none, and every disciple that reads this sentence, or hears it read, will say that was my case; and he can testify, on all proper occasions, that he lacks but one thing—that he desires but one thing, that is, union with Christ; and in an unexpected moment, never to be forgotten, the Lord Jesus reveals himself to the soul—he receives him by faith; the work is done, his sins are pardoned—the love of God is shed abroad in his heart. He is justified, adopted, saved and united to Christ.

If there is any other union, he knows nothing about it, and cares nothing about it. But this union to Christ separates him from the world, and his old sinful companions—it draws him off from the love and practice of sin—it interests and engages him in all holy obedience to God; and we believe, according to the scriptures that all things work together for his good—"that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our lord." Indeed, the union of Christ, and his church is represented by the union existing between the father and the son. Thus we read—

"That they all may be one; as thou, father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me."

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me, ye can do nothing."

This union is not only outward, consisting in an external profession of faith. But it is a vital, or spiritual union—formed in the moment of our regeneration. As the savior saith, "I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it, that the love wherewith thou hast loved me, may be in them, and I in them." "The beloved disciple sums all up, in the following words—"Hereby know we, that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his spirit,"

The advantages, of Union with Christ, are told in the following passages—Eph. 1,-18; 1st Cor., 1,-9; John 15,-8; 1st Peter, 1,-8; Col., 1,-22. The evidences of Union to Christ are, 1st—light in the understanding. "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of him, who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

2ND. Affection to him—"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me, and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father: and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

3rd Frequent communion with him. "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship

with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his son Jesus Christ.

4th Delight in his word, ordinances and people, Read 119, Ps.

5th. Submission to his will, and conformity to his image.

"But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected, hereby know we that we are in him."

Again, the blessed Jesus comforting his disciples just before he left them: "Henceforth I call you not servants, for the, servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth, but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made unto you." The Apostle Paul also speaks of this high and inestimable privilege of "drawing nigh unto God with boldness by the blood of Jesus." The subject we have been considering shows a striking likeness between Christ and his people. He is the son of God in an unavailable sense but they also are sons. He had indeed the spirit without measure, but they have it in degree. It is the same spirit that resides in both. "Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the spirit of his Son into your hearts." This conformity extends to their future condition as well as their present character. "When he who is their life shall appear, they also shall appear with him in glory." As they now bear the image of the heavenly, in having them in the mind that was in him, so they will hereafter corporeally resemble him.

"For he shall change their vile bodies that it may be fashioned like unto his own glorious body, it does not yet appear what we shall be, but this we know, that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." With the beloved disciple, we admire the love of God in the adoption of sons. 'Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God beloved now are we the sons of God." True we know but little about our future felicity, "for it does not yet appear what we shall be." We see only through a glass darkly;—we can form no idea of spiritual and glorified bodies—we cannot imagine how extensive will be the capacities of the soul—we have very faint conceptions of perfect holiness and perfect happiness; yet there are some things revealed. We shall see Christ no more by faith, but with our bodily eyes: not valed, but in all his glory, and we shall resemble him in all his inimitable perfections, "for we shall see him as he is." With the greatest propriety we may apply to the Children of God the high eulogy which Moses pronounced upon the children of Israel, just before he departed from them.

"Happy art thou, O Israel, who is like unto thee, O people saved by Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency, & thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee, & thou shalt tread upon their high places." "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory." And "Now," brethren, unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever." Amen.

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APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board beg leave to Report—

That the most devout thanks are due to God, for the signal success, with which their feeble an imperfect labors have been crowned, during the last associational year. By reference to the treasurer's report at the last session, it will be found that this ballance in the treasury at that time, was only $13 64. Bro. M. Ball was appointed by the Board, to make an appeal to the churches, for means to carry forward our benevolent operations. This appeal was not made in vain. He succeeded in collecting for domestic mission, $257,65, in cash, an obtained subscriptions to the amount of $173,15. He also collected for Foreign Missions $6,40, in cash, an took subscriptions for $13 25 cts.

The Board was favored with the privilege of employing our esteem, brethren viz.; L. Ball, R. Hale, A. McCain, C. D. Malone. and J. H. Presscot, to attend monthly appointments in destitute neighborhoods. The three last named brethren, have been able to spend but little time in the service at the board. The labors of brethren M. & L. Ball and Bro. Hale have been most abundantly blessed.

The aggregate time, spent by all of your missionaries were 151 days. Four churches were constituted, and have been rec'd as constituent members of your body, at its present session; forty five willing converts have been rec'd by experience an baptism, one of whom has been since ordained, as a minister of the gospel. Many more were smitten to the heart, and up to the last accounts were pleading for mercy. According to the report of one of your missionaries, several persons who but lately were engaged in hunting on the sabbath day, now employ that *holy time*, in praising God. These great changes and glorious results forcibly remind us of the prediction of the prophet, who said in reference to the progress of the gospel, "That the wilderness and solitary place shall be made glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." And with hearts overflowing with gratitude to God, we connot refrain from exclaiming in the language of the Psalmist: Not unto us, not unto us, but unto thy great name be all the glory.

Under the enlarged powers conferred upon the board at your last session, we have distributed nearly 300 Bibles and Testiments. Our success in this department of our labor, has far exceeded our most sanguine expectations. A demand was found to exist, not only in new and destitute neighborhoods, but also in the oldest and most populous. The distribution of many pages of sacred truth, cannot fail we think, to build up our beloved zion, and to extend the Redeemer's kingdom. But the work is not yet done. All are not yet supplied with word of life. We should never relax our efforts, until this rich boon—this priceless gem, is placed in the hands of every destitute family in our bounds.

It affords us pleasure to state, that out of a special fund given for that purpose, six of our devoted ministers, have been supplied with one copy each, of the Encyclopedia of Religious knowledge. These, including the Bibles and Testaments above alluded to are all the books, which we have yet distributed. We hope however that your future board, will be able to purchase a variety of standard religious works, to be distributed amongst our ministers an people, either at cost or gratis, as circumstances may require. That it would be a source of great improve-

ment to our ministry, that it would disseminate much useful intelligence amongst the people, and that it would elevate the tone of piety in our denomination, none can doubt. Nor would its potent and mighty influence upon the rising generation, be *unseen or unfelt*. But on the contrary, it would shed its genial rays of light and truth, upon the tender minds of the young an direct their wandering steps, in the paths of safety and peace.

The present state ot your finances, can be ascertained by a reference to the Treasurers report.

After mature reflection, we have been induced to express the humble opinion, that their is one radical defect; our plan of operations. Nearly all of our contributions, for Foreign Missions, go up through other channels. If they were to pass through the hands of your treasurer, and the aggregate amount appear upon the minutes; it would show to what extent we are discharging our duty, in this department of christain benevolence. By union and concert of action, we believe an increased interest would be felt for this glorious cause. In the Providence of God China, has been designated, as the field of operation, for southern Baptists. This vast empire, is supposed to contain at least, one half, of the heathen population of the globe. And while our brethren, are struggling, to send the Lamps of life to that benighted land, the news of salvation to her perishing millions, shall we not render them a hearty, a systematic, and an *efficient* aid.

May the God of missions give us wisdom, not only to devise the best method of sending the gospel to the destitute in our own land, but enable us to discharge our whole duty to those, who never heard of the Saviours name, and to whom one ray, of gospel light has never come.

In conclusion, we return you the trust confered upon us and beg your forgivness, for any errors we may have committed. In attempting to perform the weighty and responsible duties assigned us, we have deeply felt our weakness and unworthiness, in the sight of a pure and holy God. But we humbly trust that our imperfections will not prevent the blessings of Heaven, from descending upon you, and the churches you represent. We hope, that what has been done in *weakness*, will be raised in *power*, and what has been *sown in tears*, will ere long be *reaped in joy*. And finanally, may the Redeemers kingdom steadily advance until the whole earth, shall be filled with the glory of God, and all men have a saving knowledge of His Truth.

JOEL H. BERRY. *Chairman.*

APPENDIX D.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1st. This Association shall be called the "Chickasaw Baptist Association."

Art. 2d. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union.

Art. 3d. The delegates representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association, present letters specifying their appointment, and also showing the number baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

Art. 4th. Every church belonging to this body, shall be entitled to three delegates until they number 100 members, and then one for each hundred above that number.

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Art. 5th. Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves at one association, will be expected to state the reasons of their failure at the next, and if any church fail for three successive meetings, the association may consider such church as dropped from its number, or, shall have power to send a committee to inquire into its state, or proceed as the association may deem most advisable.

Art. 6th. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delelegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Art. 7th. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting so soon as letters from the churches are read, and members names enrolled; *Provided*, however, that nothing in this article be so construed as to prohibit churches petitioning for union with us, from voting by their delegates for moderator and clerk.

Art. 8th. This association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of churches; it shall however, be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may withdraw from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

Art. 9th. The association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such funds as they may think proper, either for foreign or domestic missions, for the bible or any other benevolent institution, and the association appoint one or more to take charge of the same, and forward them as they may be designated, and report to the next association.

Art. 10th. Any church of this union having a difficulty that she cannot settle, may call help from other churches, or may present the case to this body for advice; such case must be presented in the letter of correspondence, stating the reasons why it has not, or could not be decided by the church; * or if our Church should be agrieved with another she shall labor with the offending Church upon the principles lain down, in the 18th of Mathew for individual members. After the first steps shall have been taken in the spirit of the Gospel, if she fail to obtain satisfaction, she shall call upon one or two sister Churches for aid; if a reconciliation be not then made, the association may take up the difficulty, but not otherwise.

Art. 11th. When churches of this union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, "we recommend them to" call from two or more churches for the aid of their ministers and such other members as the churches may deem most suitable to examine the individauls, and if thought advisable, to authorise such a member or members to preach the Gospel—which shall be reported to the association, and entered on the minutes.

Art. 12th. Any church having a gift she deems worthy of Ordination shall call a Presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work; and all Presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, or in constituting churches, shall be governed by the abstract of the principles of this association.

Art. 13th. This association may correspond by letter and delegates, with the Baptist Convention of this State, and with such associations as she may deem most conducive to the general interest of Zion.

Art. 14th. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the session rises; no association shall adjourn unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

APPENDIX F.

Financial Report.

The committee on Finance beg leave to report viz.

Received for minutes	$52 35
Public collection on sabbath	38 05
	$90 40

All of which are respectfully submitted.

L. BALL Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

Treasurer's Report.

J. E. TEAGUE, TREASURER,
To CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION Dr.
DOMESTIC MISSION.

1848 Sept. 19	Rec'd of B. Collins former Treasurer			$13 64
" "	M. Ball			20 00
" "	Public collection			11 50
" 20	M. Ball,			2 50
1849 May, 20.	M. Ball,	59 50		
" Sept. 14	C. C. Malone	2 50		
" " "	G. V. Gambol	3 95		
" " "	J. H. Berry	7 60		
" " "	E. Smith,	3 60		
" " "	M. Ball,	238 10		
" " 16	Public Collection,	19 00		$381 89

CREDIT

1848 Sept. 26.	To E. Smith, for Bibles & Testaments,	25 00	
1849 Feb.	L. Ball, as per order of the Board	4 75	
" May 20.	J. H. Berry,	59 50	
" Sept. 14	C. C. Malone	2 00	
" " "	A. McCain,	3 00	
" " "	M. Ball,	59 00	
" " "	L. Ball,	43 00	
" " "	R. Hall,	32 00	$228 25
Balance in the hands of Treasurer.			$153 64

Respectfully Submitted.

J. E. TEAGUE Treasurer.

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Cash and Subscription for Missionary purposes, 1849, taken by M. Ball.

	Cash for Domestic Missions.	Cash for'n mi'ns	Sub. for do.	Cash for Bible.	Sub. for do.
Fellowship	$ 6 10	$	$	$	$3 60
New Albany,	12 17				3 75
Pleasant Valey	4 75				2 50
Poplar Spring,			2 50		6 00
Liberty,	7 00				7 00
Academy,	15 75	2 50	6 75		14 25
Bethel,	3 65				4 00
Philadelphia,	4 75				1 50
Amaziah,	2 65				15 75
Piney Grove,	5 40	1			4 50
Beulah	2 25				
Bethlehem,	7 40		1 00	2 50	7 75
Cyprus Creek,	8 40				
Union,	3 50				3 00
Antioch,	11 85				2 00
Farmington,	2 75				5 25
Yellow Creek,	40				3 75
Rienzi,	6 00				1 00
Friendship,	3 15				7 65
New Harmony,	50				3 50
Concord,	1 00				3 25
Mount Zion.	1 80	20			12 00
Pleasant Ridge,	1 55				22 00
Ripley,	5 45				
Cherry Creek,	24 22	1 00			26 75

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Sabbath.	Names of Delegates.	Received Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	For Minutes.
First District.												
Amazeah,	W Hale	Cornersville	2	R Hall, H Thompson, J. Boatner,	52	29	2	7	3		141	3 00
Cherry Creek.	M Ball	Pontotoc	2	M Ball, L. Ball, J E Teague,	39	7		24		3	185	3 10
Cypress Creek,	W Hale	Liberty Hill	4	N L Ward, T R Williams, H Ivy,	2	9	1	7	6	2	92	3 00
*Bethel,	L Ball	Rocky Ford	4	J N Martin, H Jacops, R W Cox,	4	2		2			27	1 55
*Camp Creek,	L Ball	Rich Land	3	H Eves, Ursery Brown, J. Stokes,	11	3		1			22	1 20
Liberty,	J Boswell	Tardyville	4	J Boswell, E Smith, T J Hodges,	29	15	1	4	1	2	121	2 00
Mt. Gilead,	CC Malone	Ellistown	2	E. M Dannel,* W Bridges * C E Bilinger,	7	2		2	1		70	1 35
New Albany,	W Hale	New Albany	3	J Young, J Dansby, J Pool,	7	3		8	2		90	2 50
*Oak Hill,	W Young	Pontotoc	3	J J Garner, J Milam, M Brown,	40	5					65	2 80
Philadelphia,	W Hale	Rocky Ford	1	W Hale, J Morgan,* L Short,*	2	1		6			55	2 00
Poplar Spring.	C C Malone	P'plar Spring	1	C C Malone, J J Andrews, J Dillard,	21	10		7			64	1 30
Pleasant Valley,	C C Malone	P'plar Spring	3	Jas Johnson, Joel Johnson, J M Johnson,	15	8		4			35	1 50
Pleasant Ridge,	M Ball	Dumas	1	J A Simpson, J B Gambrell, J V Gambrell,	2	5		10	5		116	2 25
Town Creek,		Ellistown	4	B Jenkins,* A Seals, J J Jenkins*	1	1		2			13	
*Spring Creek,		Pink Hill		B F Hollowell,* K M Gains, ——Berk,*	21				1		26	1 00
Friendship,	E Brownin	Pontotoc	3	E Browning, H Pitts, S Therlekele,	1	2		4		1	28	1 50
Second District.												
Academy,	A McCain	Orizabah	1	A McCain, J Cole, N Harben,	6	7		16	1		104	3 50
Antioc,	A McCain	Hatchie T. P.	3	J Savage,* R H Gipson, J McClhany,				18	2		77	1 25
Bethlehem,	J S Morton	Salem	4	J Swain, J S Malory, W Smith,	14	1		9	1		39	1 50
Beulah,	R Hale	New Albany	3	L Roden, A Sanders, W Baker.*	8	10		1			28	1 25
Canaan,		Moor's X R'd									11	
Fellowship,	A McCain	Molino	3	J Hodges, J H Berry, Thos Moore,	1	2		5	2		60	1 50
New Harmony,	A H Booth	Ripley	4	H Robeson, G B Carter, B B Bunting,	4	6					40	1 60
Liberty Hill,		Salem	1								11	

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Mt. Zion,		Salem	4	S D Rodes, A Cox* C D Coz,*	1					9	50		
Hopewell,	Godwin	Salem	2	J Gary,* B S Thomas, J Wethers,	5	5		2	2	30	1 10		
Pine Grove,	R Hale	Salem	4	J S Morton, S. Duncan, J Wood,	1	5		2		46	1 50		
Ripley,	A H Booth	Ripley	4	S R Spight, E Rodgers, S W Eccols	1	7		2	1	69	1 50		
Salem,	JS Morton	Salem	3							55			
Spring Hill	JS Morton	Spring Hill	1	B Gunnels, J Nunally,* A Richards,*				2		47	1 50		
Temperance Hill,		HollySprings	1							33			
Union,	L Savage	Backs Store	3							52			
Third District.													
Concord,	P Skelly	Dry Run	2	P Skelly, T H Calvary, W Grun,*		15		3		22	I 60		
Mt. Zion,	M Ball	Carrolville	4	P H Roberts, H C Jones, X F Berry,	4	14		2	1	55	I 40		
Farmington,		Farmington	4	B M Jones,* J D Lowery,* J Henson,		4		3	1	35	1 00		
Rienzi,	A H Booth	Rienzi	1	A H Boothe, R Boon, L Flake,	11	4		1		46	1 00		
Friendship,	A H Booth	Cross Ridge	2	W B Pain, J Ramsey, T F Parker,	6	13		1	2	80	1 00		
Yellow Creek,	PRobinson	YellowCreek	1	W B Felder, S Pharr, S Kenedy,*		5		5	3	20	75		
*Vernon,	P Roberts	Black Land	1	L Burns, L Bridges, J H Fagan.						10	55		
					317	200	4	166	33	10	2026	852	35

* Newly constituted Churches and absentees.

Ordained Ministers.

Names.	Post Office.
M. Ball,	Pontotoc.
L. Ball,	Pontotoc.
E. Smith.	Poplar Springs.
J. Boswell,	Tardyville.
Wm. Hale.	Rocky Ford.
C. C, Malone,	Poplar Spring,
E. Browning,	Tardyville.
A. McCain,	Ripley.
P. Skelly,	Hatchy Tunpike.
J. S. Morton,	Salem.
J. H. Prescott,	Ripley.
A. Godwin,	Ripley.
L. Roden.	Ripley.
A. H. Boothe,	Rienzi.
W. E. Rodgers,	Dumas.
H. G. Spencer,	Salem.
Wm. Young,	Pontotoc.

LICENTIATES.

Thos. Huoker,	Poplar Spring.
R. Nutt,	Salem.
S. Pharr.	Yellow Creek.

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TO THE CONTRIBUTORS FOR MINUTES.

Owing to the great press of business in the office, and for the want of suitable paper for the covers, we have been compelled to put off your Clerk from time to time, and in justice to him, we must say, that he left the manuscript with us a few days after the adjournment of the Association, with a promise from us that the work should be done in ten or twelve days at farthest, but for reasons above named, we could not comply. We hope therefore, that no blame will be attached to Mr. Vaughn.

Respectfully, &c. E. W. ROOTES, Editor.

ERRATA.—Page 14—in the statistical table, 1st line, for R. Hall, read R. Hale:

The same page, 13th line, for J. V. Gambrell, read G. V. Gambrell.

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